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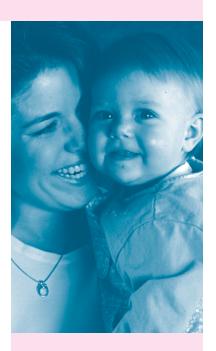
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# Welcome to AIM

### Congratulations!

You have a new baby on the way! The State of California wants to help you get good health care while you're expecting and after your baby is born, even if your finances are a little tight. Going without prenatal care could cause many problems for you and your baby. Studies show that women who do not get prenatal care often have more complicated (and expensive) births. If you don't have insurance to cover your health care during pregnancy and childbirth, or if your insurance company's maternity deductible or copayment is more than \$500, the Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM) and Healthy Families Programs may be just the helping hand you and your baby need.

#### What Is AIM?

The AIM Program is low-cost health coverage for pregnant women and their newborns. It has been designed for middle-income families who don't have health insurance and whose income is too high to qualify for no-cost Medi-Cal. AIM is also available to those who have health insurance if their deductible or co-payment for maternity services is more than \$500. If you qualify for AIM, your baby is automatically eligible for enrollment in the Healthy Families Program.

# What Is the Healthy Families Program?

The Healthy Families Program is low-cost health coverage for children and teens up to age 19. It provides comprehensive health, dental and vision coverage for children who do not have access to insurance and do not qualify for no-cost Medi-Cal. If you qualify for AIM, your baby is automatically eligible for enrollment in Healthy Families.

# How Do You Register Your Baby for Healthy Families?

About 30 days before your expected date of delivery, you will receive in the mail a Healthy Families

handbook and a form requesting the following information about your baby:

- 1. First, middle and last name of your baby.
- 2. Date of birth.
- 3. Gender (sex).
- 4. Weight at birth.
- 5. Primary care provider (the baby's doctor).
- 6. Dental and Vision plan selection. (The Healthy Families handbook tells you which plans are available in your county.)

Fill out these forms and send them in immediately after your baby is born. Send this information and your first monthly premium payment to Healthy Families. The form will explain the monthly premium amount and where to mail the documents.

#### Your baby's coverage will not begin until the Healthy Families Program receives the required information and premium payment.

Once the Healthy Families Program receives the required information and premium payment, your baby's coverage will begin as of his or her date of birth. You and your baby will be covered by the same health plan, though you will be enrolled in AIM and your baby will be enrolled in Healthy Families.

The baby will remain enrolled in the same plan you had in AIM, unless you have other children already enrolled in the Healthy Families Program. If you have other children in the Healthy Families Program, the baby will be transferred to the other children's plans on the third month after birth. Please call the Healthy Families Program if your baby has special health care needs and you do not want the baby transferred to another plan.

Children enrolled in Healthy Families must be evaluated once a year to see if they still qualify for the program. Your baby will stay enrolled in Healthy Families if at the first Annual Eligibility Review you meet AIM program guidelines. To stay enrolled in the Healthy Families Program, on the baby's second Annual Eligibility Review you must be within the Healthy Families Program guidelines.



# Services Covered for Women and Infants

#### What Services Are Covered in AIM?

The AIM Program covers all your medically necessary services from your effective date of coverage in the AIM Program until 60 days after your pregnancy has ended. If you submit the required information and premium, the newborn will be covered from the date of birth through the Healthy Families Program. For a list of benefits and services available for your baby, see pages 6-8. While enrolled in the AIM Program, coverage includes:

| AIM Benefits*                               | Services for Women   | Exclusions/Limitations  |
|---|--|---|
| Physician and<br>Professional Services      | <ul> <li>Services and consultations by a physician or other licensed health care provider</li> <li>Hospital and skilled nursing facility visits</li> <li>Professional office visits</li> <li>Allergy testing and treatment</li> <li>Hearing test, hearing aids and services</li> <li>Eye examinations/refractions, to determine need for corrective lenses, dilated retinal eye exams</li> <li>Medically necessary home visits</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Batteries, ancillary equipment other than included in the original covered aids purchase</li> <li>Replacement parts or repair for hearing aids after the covered one-year warranty period</li> <li>Replacement of hearing aid more than once in any 36-month period</li> <li>Surgically implanted hearing devices</li> </ul> |
| Preventive Care                             | <ul> <li>Periodic exams, routine diagnostic testing and laboratory services</li> <li>Cancer screening tests</li> <li>Direct patient care nutrition services, nutritional assessment</li> </ul>   | None  |
| Maternity Care                              | <ul><li>Prenatal care, postnatal care</li><li>Inpatient delivery, complications of pregnancy</li></ul>   | None  |
| Hospital Services                           | • Inpatient or outpatient general services and related supplies  | <ul><li>Personal, comfort items</li><li>Private room unless medically necessary</li></ul>   |
| Diagnostic X-ray and<br>Laboratory Services | <ul> <li>Diagnostic services necessary to evaluate, diagnose and treat</li> <li>X-ray, laboratory procedures</li> <li>Electrocardiography, electro-encephalography</li> <li>Prenatal diagnosis of genetic disorders of the fetus in high risk pregnancies</li> <li>Lab test for management of diabetes, including cholesterol, triglycerides, microalbuminuria, HDL/LDL and Hemoglobin A-1 (Glycohemoglobin)</li> <li>Radiation therapy, chemotherapy, dialysis treatment</li> </ul> | None  |

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### AIM Services, continued

| AIM Benefits*                     | Services for Women  | Exclusions/Limitations   |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Prescription Drugs                | <ul> <li>Medically necessary prescription drugs</li> <li>Injectable medication, needles, syringes</li> <li>Insulin, glucagon, testing and delivery systems</li> <li>Oral and injectable contraceptive drugs, prescriptive contraceptive devices</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Experimental, investigational drugs</li> <li>Patent or over-the-counter medicines</li> <li>Medicines not requiring a prescription**</li> <li>Appetite suppressants, other diet drugs or medicines</li> <li>Health plan may specify generic equivalent drugs be dispensed where no contradiction exists</li> </ul> |
| Health Education<br>Services      | <ul> <li>Effective services including information regarding personal health</li> <li>Recommendations on optimal use of services, organizations affiliated with the health plan</li> <li>Health services related to tobacco use prevention, cessation</li> </ul>   | None   |
| Mental Health<br>Services         | <ul> <li>No visit limits for diagnosis and treatment of severe mental illnesses</li> <li>Outpatient and inpatient services</li> <li>Certain appropriate substitutions of residential treatment, day care or outpatient treatment may be substituted for inpatient hospitalization</li> <li>Some health plans may choose to provide additional visits or group therapy options</li> </ul>                    | Maximum of 30 days inpatient<br>and 20 days outpatient per<br>benefit year   |
| Emergency Health<br>Care Services | <ul> <li>24-hour emergency care for illness, injury or severe pain requiring immediate diagnosis and treatment to avoid placing the subscriber in danger of loss of life, serious illness or disability</li> <li>Provided both in and out of the health plan's service area and participating facilities</li> </ul>   | None   |
| Medical<br>Transportation         | <ul> <li>Emergency ambulance for emergency services to the first hospital accepting subscriber for care</li> <li>Ambulance, transport services provided through "911" response system</li> <li>Medically necessary non-emergency transportation to transfer a member from a hospital to another hospital or facility, or facility to home. Prior authorization from the Health Plan is required.</li> </ul> | Coverage for transportation by<br>airplane, passenger car, taxi or<br>other form of public conveyance  |

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Insulin and smoking cessation drugs are not excluded from coverage.



### AIM Services, continued

| AIM Benefits*                | Services for Women  | Exclusions/Limitations   |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Durable Medical<br>Equipment | <ul> <li>Equipment appropriate for use in the home</li> <li>Oxygen and oxygen equipment</li> <li>Blood glucose monitors, insulin pumps, related supplies</li> <li>Nebulizer machines, tubing, related supplies</li> <li>Ostomy bags, urinary catheters and supplies</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Comfort, convenience items</li> <li>Disposable supplies**</li> <li>Experimental or research equipment</li> <li>Sauna baths, elevators, other non-medical devices</li> <li>Modifications to home or automobile</li> <li>Deluxe equipment</li> <li>More than one piece of equipment that serves the same function</li> <li>Health plan may determine whether to rent or purchase</li> </ul> |
| Alcohol and<br>Drug Abuse    | <ul> <li>Health education services and crisis intervention related to alcohol, drug abuse</li> <li>Inpatient: As medically appropriate to remove toxic substances from the system</li> <li>Outpatient: 20 visits per benefit year</li> <li>Some health plans may choose to provide additional medically necessary visits</li> </ul> | None   |
| Skilled Nursing              | • Medically necessary prescribed services by a health<br>plan physician or nurse practitioner in a licensed<br>skilled nursing facility on a 24-hour basis  | Skilled nursing benefit is limited<br>to a maximum 100 days per<br>benefit year  |
| Home Health<br>Services      | <ul> <li>Health services provided in home by health care personnel</li> <li>Prescribed or directed by attending physician or appropriate designee of the health plan</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>No custodial care</li> <li>Discretion of attending physician or appropriate designee of the health plan to choose between mutually appropriate health care settings</li> <li>Health plans utilize case management to consider cost-effective choice of mutually appropriate alternative health care settings</li> </ul>   |

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Ostomy bags, urinary catheters and related supplies consistent with Medicare coverage guidelines are not excluded from coverage.

#### AIM Services, continued

| AIM Benefits*               | Services for Women  | Exclusions/Limitations |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Blood and Blood<br>Products | <ul> <li>Inpatient and outpatient processing, storage,<br/>administration of blood and blood products</li> <li>Collection and storage of autologous blood when<br/>medically indicated</li> </ul> | None                   |
| Family Planning             | <ul> <li>Family planning counseling services</li> <li>Sterilization</li> <li>Diaphragms, other FDA-approved devices</li> <li>Prescription contraceptives</li> </ul>                               | None                   |

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# Services Available to Your Baby through the Healthy Families Program

The Healthy Families Program covers all medically necessary health, dental and vision services for children and teens. While enrolled in Healthy Families, your child's coverage includes:

| Healthy Families<br>Benefits* | Services for Children   | Costs to Member<br>(co-payment)   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Physician Services            | <ul><li>Office, home visits</li><li>Allergy testing and treatment</li></ul>   | <ul><li>\$5 per visit</li><li>\$5 per visit</li><li>No charge if under 24 months</li></ul>              |
| Preventive Care               | <ul> <li>Periodic health examinations (including well-baby care)</li> <li>Variety of voluntary family planning services</li> <li>Prenatal care</li> <li>Vision and hearing testing</li> <li>Immunizations</li> <li>Sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing</li> <li>Confidential HIV/AIDS counseling and testing</li> <li>Annual Pap smear exams</li> <li>Health education services</li> </ul> | No charge (including office visits)   |
| Prescription Drugs            | <ul> <li>30-34 day supply of brand name or generic drugs, including prescriptions for one cycle of tobacco cessation drugs</li> <li>90-100 day supply of maintenance drugs</li> <li>While in the hospital</li> <li>FDA-approved contraceptive drugs and devices</li> </ul>  | <ul><li>\$5 per prescription</li><li>\$5 per prescription</li><li>No charge</li><li>No charge</li></ul> |
| Hospital                      | <ul> <li>Inpatient: room and board nursing care and all medically necessary services</li> <li>Outpatient: diagnostic, therapeutic, and surgical services performed at a hospital or outpatient facility</li> </ul>  | No charge   |

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In addition to these benefits some services are also provided by the California Children's Services (CCS) program and by County Medical Health Departments. Families must meet residential requirements and members under the age of 19 must have a medical condition that is covered by CCS to be eligible for CCS services. Members who are under 19 years of age and diagnosed as having a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) will receive services from their County Mental Health Department.



#### Healthy Families Services, continued

| Healthy Families<br>Benefits*               | Services for Children  | Costs to Member<br>(co-payment)   |
|---|--|---|
| Emergency Health Care<br>Services           | <ul> <li>24-hour emergency for illness, injury, or severe pain requiring immediate diagnosis and treatment to avoid placing the subscriber in danger of loss of life, serious illness, or disability</li> <li>Provided both in and out of the health plan's service area and participating facilities</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>\$5 per visit unless hospitalized</li> <li>No coverage will be provided if<br/>the services received are not an<br/>emergency</li> </ul> |
| Maternity                                   | Prenatal and postnatal care, inpatient and newborn nursery care  | No charge   |
| Medical Transportation                      | • Emergency ambulance transportation to the hospital, and medically necessary non-emergency transportation to transfer a member from a hospital to another hospital or facility, or facility to home.  | No charge   |
| Diagnostic X-ray and<br>Laboratory Services | Inpatient and outpatient   | No charge   |
| Durable Medical<br>Equipment                | Medical equipment appropriate for use in the home, oxygen and<br>oxygen equipment, insulin pumps and all related necessary supplies  | No charge   |
| Mental Health                               | <ul> <li>Diagnosis and treatment of mental illness. Outpatient and inpatient<br/>services are provided without limit for serious mental illnesses. All<br/>non-serious mental illnesses are limited to 20 outpatient and 30<br/>inpatient hospital services</li> </ul>   | <ul><li>No charge for inpatient services</li><li>\$5 per visit for outpatient services</li></ul>  |
| Alcohol and<br>Drug Abuse                   | <ul> <li>Inpatient: As medically appropriate to remove toxic substances from the system</li> <li>Outpatient: 20 visits per benefit year (Some plans may choose to increase the number of visits in a benefit year if outpatient services are determined medically necessary)</li> </ul>                          | <ul><li>No charge for inpatient services</li><li>\$5 per visit for outpatient services</li></ul>  |
| Physical, Occupational,<br>Speech Therapy   | <ul> <li>Therapy may be provided in a medical office or other appropriate<br/>outpatient setting, hospital, skilled nursing facility, or home. Plans<br/>may require periodic evaluations as long as therapy, which is<br/>medically necessary, is provided.</li> </ul>  | <ul><li>No charge for inpatient services</li><li>\$5 per visit for outpatient services</li></ul>  |
| Home Health Care                            | <ul> <li>Must be prescribed or directed by the attending physician or other<br/>appropriate authority designated by the plan</li> </ul>  | No charge   |
| Skilled Nursing Care                        | • Services provided in a licensed, skilled nursing facility, 100 days each benefit year  | No charge   |

#### Optional Health Benefits in Healthy Families

Not all health insurance plans provide these benefits. Please refer to the Healthy Families handbook or go to www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov for information on which insurance plans cover these services.

| Healthy Families Optional Benefits* | Services for Children        | Costs to Member<br>(co-payment) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Acupuncture                         | • 20 visits per benefit year | • \$5 per visit                 |
| Chiropractic                        | • 20 visits per benefit year | • \$5 per visit                 |

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In addition to these benefits some services are also provided by the California Children's Services (CCS) program and by County Medical Health Departments. Families must meet residential requirements and members under the age of 19 must have a medical condition that is covered by CCS to be eligible for CCS services. Members who are under 19 years of age and diagnosed as having a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) will receive services from their County Mental Health Department.

#### Optional Health Benefits in Healthy Families continued

| Healthy Families<br>Optional Benefits* | Services for Children     | Costs to Member<br>(co-payment) |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Biofeedback                            | 8 visits per benefit year | • \$5 per visit                 |
| Elective Abortion                      | Insurance plans vary      | No charge                       |

#### Vision Benefits in the Healthy Families Program

| Healthy Families Vision Benefits* | Services for Children | Costs to Member<br>(co-payment)      |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Eye Examinations                  | Once every 12 months  | • \$5 per examination                |
| Prescription Glasses              | Once every 12 months  | • \$5 per glasses, frames, or lenses |

#### Dental Benefits in the Healthy Families Program

| Healthy Families<br>Dental Benefits*                      | Services for Children  | Costs to Member<br>(co-payment)                           |
|---|--|---|
| Preventive Care<br>(Teeth Cleanings,<br>Topical Fluoride) | • Every 6 months   | No charge   |
| Fillings  | As needed  | No charge   |
| Sealants  | As needed only for permanent 1st and 2nd molars  | No charge   |
| Diagnostic Services                                       | X-rays (Bitewing, Full-mouth, and Panoramic)     Consultations   | No charge   |
| Major Services  | <ul><li>Root canals</li><li>Oral surgery</li><li>Crowns and bridges</li><li>Dentures</li></ul>   | <ul><li>\$5</li><li>\$5</li><li>\$5</li><li>\$5</li></ul> |
| Orthodontia Services                                      | Provided to subscribers under the age of 19 through the California<br>Children's Services program (CCS) when condition meets the CCS<br>program criteria | No charge   |

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Note: The Benefits Charts on the preceding pages are only a summary of benefits provided by each health plan in the AIM and Healthy Families programs. These summaries are for information only. This is not a contract. For exact terms and conditions of the health care benefits, provisions, exclusions, and limitations for each plan, refer to the Evidence of Coverage booklet or Certificate of Insurance available from each health plan. Call the phone number listed on each health plan's description page for more information.



# Health Plans

# Who Will Provide Health Care Services for You and Your Baby?

When you apply for AIM, you will choose a health plan from a list of plans in your county. Then, when your AIM coverage starts, your health plan will manage your health care. The plan will let you know what doctors, midwives, medical groups, hospitals and other providers you can use and what services there are. The plan will let you know how to get the services you need.

If you are in AIM, your baby qualifies to be in the Healthy Families program. Your baby would be in the same health plan as you and would have the same health coverage.

The baby will remain enrolled in the same plan you had in AIM, unless you have other children already enrolled in the Healthy Families Program. If you have other children in the Healthy Families Program, the baby will be transferred to the other children's plans on the third month after birth. Please call the Healthy Families Program if your baby has special health care needs and you do not want the baby transferred to another plan.

Your baby will stay enrolled in Healthy Families if at the first Annual Eligibility Review you meet AIM program guidelines. To stay enrolled in Healthy Families, on the baby's second Annual Eligibility Review you must be within Healthy Families program guidelines.

All plans in AIM and Healthy Families offer the same health coverage. Differences among plans are their lists of providers and their special services. To see which doctors and hospitals work with a plan, call the plan. To see the special services a plan has, see the plan descriptions on pages 27-35 in this book. Wellness classes or a phone helpline are examples of special services.

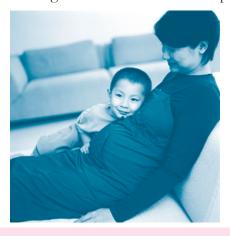
Many providers work with AIM and with the health plans in AIM. If you want to use the same doctor, hospital or pharmacy that you use now, you may be able to. Call the health plans in your county to see if they work with a provider that you want.

# Who Qualifies for the AIM Program?

## To qualify for AIM, you must be:

- 1. Pregnant: You must be pregnant, but not more than 30 weeks pregnant, as of the application date. Application date means the date the **complete** application is sent to the AIM Program as shown by the U.S. postmark date on the application envelope, or documentation from other delivery services. Count your weeks of pregnancy by starting at the first day of your last menstrual period or go to the AIM website: www.aim.ca.gov to use a pregnancy calculator.
- **2. A California resident:** You must have lived in California for the last 6 months.
- **3. Not in other programs:** You cannot be receiving no-cost Medi-Cal or Medicare Part A and Part B benefits as of the application date.
- 4. Not covered by private insurance costing less than \$500: You cannot have maternity benefits

- through private insurance, unless your coverage has a deductible or co-payment specifically for maternity services that is more than \$500 as of the application date.
- **5. Within the AIM income guidelines:** You must have a monthly household income (after income deductions) within AIM Income Guidelines. Read about income guidelines on the next two pages.



# Meeting the AIM Income Guidelines

To see if you meet the AIM income guidelines, we look at:

- 1. Your family size.
- 2. Whose income should be counted.
- 3. Gross income (total income before certain expenses are deducted).
- 4. Income deductions (expenses that can be deducted from your gross income).

### 1. Your AIM Family Size

Use the chart below to find out what your family size is for AIM.

| Who lives in your household?   |            |
|--|------------|
| Pregnant woman and an unborn baby or babies, count as 2 (If you are pregnant with two or more babies, you are still considered 2 family members until birth.)  | + <b>2</b> |
| Husband, count as 1  | +          |
| Father of the baby, if you are not married, count as 1 (Only if you have another baby together, and the father and the child are living in the home with you.)   |            |
| Other children, count each child as 1 (Count your children or those of your husband or of the father of the unborn baby if you have a child in common. The children must be under 21, living in the home or away at school, and claimed as tax dependents by the parents in this household.) | +          |
| Total Family Size  | =          |

### 2. Whose Income Should Be Counted

To see if you meet the AIM income guidelines, only count the income of the following people:

- 1. You, the pregnant woman
- 2. Your husband or
- 3. The father of the baby (but only if he lives in the home with you and you have another child together)

### 3. Your Family's Gross Income

To see if you meet the AIM income guidelines, you need to show your family's **gross income** (total income before any deductions). (See Whose Income Should Be Counted, page 10.) Income includes:

- wages before taxes
- commissions
- tips
- bonuses/overtime pay
- self-employment net profit
- unearned income (unemployment, disability, social security, alimony, pensions, etc.)

You must also include income earned in other states or foreign countries.

Do not include child support and public assistance program benefits as income.

The income you count can be from last year, or current income, or a combination of the two, depending on your employment situation. For example, you can use your current income and your husband's income from last year.



#### **Proof of Household Gross Income**

For each person, show either your last year's gross income or current gross income. We will ask you to send the proof along with your application.

### Proof of last year's income:

# 1. 1040 Federal Income Tax return from previous year; *or*

# 2. All documents to show unearned income.

For example, copies of award letters for the calendar year, checks or bank statements showing the amount of Social Security, disability insurance, alimony, spousal support, etc., from previous year.

# Income from self-employment, partnerships or independent contracts requires:

- a. Submission of the previous year's Federal Income Tax Form 1040 AND the Schedule C (or equivalent schedule); or
- **b.** A profit and loss statement for the most recent three-month period prior to the date the program receives the application.

Note: Countable income is Net Profit. Depreciation, meals and entertainment expenses are added back into net profit. Negative figures (losses) on the 1040 and profit and loss statement are counted as zero.

The following must be included in the profit and loss statement:

- 1) Date.
- 2) Name, address and phone number of the business.
- 3) Itemized gross income and expenses for each separate month in the three-month period.
- 4) Signature of the person who prepared the statement along with the following sentence, "Information provided is true and correct."

#### Proof of current income:

#### 1. Paycheck or unemployment stub

Showing gross income for a period which ended within 45 days of the date the program receives the document. The following must be included on the stub:

- a) Gross and net wages.
- b) Name of employee.
- c) Pay date or pay period.
- d) Name of business; or

#### 2. Letter from Employer

The following must be included in the letter:

- a) Letterhead identifying business name, address and phone number.
- b) Date of the employer letter.
- c) Employee's name.
- d) Employee's current gross monthly income for a period ending 45 days from when the program receives the document.
- e) Statement: "Information provided is true and correct to the best of the signer's knowledge."
- f) Signature and job title of authorized personnel.
- g) If paid with a business check, include with the letter a copy of the most recent bank processed check, front and back.

#### 3. Unearned Income

All documents to show unearned income. For example, copies of award letters for the current calendar year, checks or bank statements showing the amount of Social Security, disability insurance, alimony, spousal support, etc.

### 4. Medi-Cal Notice of Action (NOA)

The NOA must include an income amount or a budget worksheet (may be separate), and must be issued within two months of the date of your application, showing that you do not qualify for no-cost Medi-Cal.

# 4. Income Deductions

Income deductions are expenses that will be subtracted from your gross monthly income to see if you qualify for the AIM Program. Expenses you can deduct are listed below. Child care and disabled dependent care expenses will be deducted (up to the maximum allowed) if you and your husband (or father of the baby) are working or in job-training and are not at home to provide care. You will be asked to send proof for each deduction that you take.

| Deduction   | Amount                  | Proof   |
|---|-------------------------|---|
| Work-related. Each adult who is working or receiving State Disability Insurance or Workers Compensation will take a deduction of \$90. If one's earnings are less than \$90, only take a deduction for the amount earned. | \$90                    | None. Automatically applied to each working adult and those receiving State Disability Insurance or Workers Compensation. If earnings are less than \$90, the deduction will only be for the amount earned. |
| Court-ordered alimony or spousal support received.  | \$50                    | Copy of the previous month's alimony or spousal support check received.   |
| Monthly child day care expense for each child under age 2.  | \$200 each<br>(maximum) | Previous month's child day care expense receipts or cancelled checks.   |
| Monthly child day care expense for each child age 2 and over.   | \$175 each (maximum)    | Previous month's child day care expense receipts or cancelled checks.   |
| Monthly disabled dependent living in the home (any age) expense.  | \$175 each (maximum)    | Previous month's expense receipts or cancelled checks.  |
| Monthly court-ordered alimony or child support you or your husband or father of the baby (as defined on page 10) pays.  | Full payment amount     | Copies of cancelled checks, pay stubs showing support deductions or statement from the District Attorney's Family Support Division for the most recent one-month period.                                    |

#### Do You Meet the AIM Income Guidelines?

Find your AIM family size on the chart below. (Read about AIM family size on page 10.) See if your family household income per month fits in the range listed for your family size. (Read about income and deductions, pages 10-12.) If your income fits in the range, you meet the AIM income guidelines.

You will need to send us proof of your income and expenses to qualify for AIM.

#### **AIM Income Guidelines**

| April 1, 2  | 2005 to March 31, 2006   |
|---|--|
| AIM Family Size<br>(count pregnant<br>woman as 2) | Monthly Household Income<br>(gross income after<br>AIM deductions) |
| 2   | \$2,140 to \$3,208   |
| 3   | \$2,683 to \$4,023   |
| 4   | \$3,226 to \$4,838   |
| 5   | \$3,770 to \$5,653   |
| 6   | \$4,313 to \$6,468   |
| 7   | \$4,856 to \$7,283   |
| 8   | \$5,400 to \$8,098   |

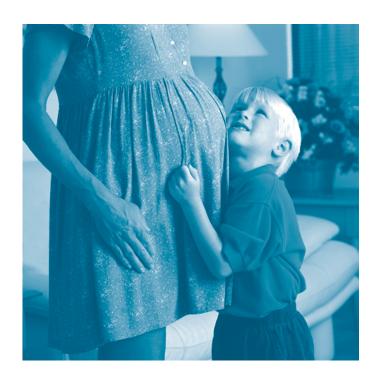
#### If your income is below the guidelines, you may qualify for no-cost Medi-Cal.

If you do not qualify for AIM, because your income (after applying income deductions) for your family size is below the lowest amount listed, you may qualify for no-cost Medi-Cal. Presumptive Eligibility is available to any woman whose family income is at or below 200% of the federal income guideline. Presumptive Eligibility is a federal/state program designed to provide access to prenatal care for pregnant women by offering immediate Medi-Cal coverage pending a formal Medi-Cal application. For more information about Presumptive Eligibility please call your County Department of Social Services. If you give us authorization we will forward your AIM application to Medi-Cal. (See the AIM Application, Section 5.)

#### Medi-Cal Privacy Notice

Federal and State law requires us to provide the following information: Welfare and Institutions Code §14011 requires Medi-Cal applicants to provide the information requested in this application. It may be shared with federal, state, and local agencies for purposes of verifying eligibility, and for verification of the immigration status of those persons seeking full scope Medi-Cal benefits. (Federal law says the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services [CIS], formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service [INS] cannot use the information for anything else except cases of fraud.) It will also be used to process Medi-Cal claims and make Benefits Identification Cards (BICs). Failure to provide the required information may result in denial of the application. Information required by this form is mandatory. Social Security Numbers are required by §1144(a)(1) of the Social Security Act unless applying for emergency or pregnancyrelated benefits only.

You have a right to access your Medi-Cal records. Contact your county Medi-Cal office.



# Paying for Your AIM Coverage

#### How Much Will AIM Cost?

There is a small cost that you will have to pay to be an AIM subscriber, but it is the only amount you will have to pay. Unlike most insurance plans, AIM does not charge co-payments or monthly deductibles.

- Your total cost will be exactly 1.5% of your adjusted annual household income after income deductions.
   This is a total cost, not a monthly premium.
- You may pay your 1.5% cost when you submit your application, or you may make monthly payments for one year.

Your 1.5% cost covers you throughout your pregnancy and 60 days after your pregnancy has ended.

The chart below shows what your AIM cost will be.

<u>Please note</u>, you will be required to pay separate monthly premiums for your child's coverage through the Healthy Families Program. The amount of your monthly premium depends on which health plan your child is enrolled in, but will not exceed \$15 per child, per month.

| Cost of AIM Coverage<br>April 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006 |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| AIM Family Size<br>(count pregnant<br>woman as 2)      | Monthly Household Income (gross income after AIM deductions) | Total Cost of AIM Coverage<br>(1.5% of adjusted annual<br>household income) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2  | \$2,140 to \$3,208   | \$385 to \$577  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | \$2,683 to \$4,023   | \$483 to \$724  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | \$3,226 to \$4,838   | \$581 to \$871  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | \$3,770 to \$5,653   | \$678 to \$1,017  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | \$4,313 to \$6,468   | \$776 to \$1,164  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | \$4,856 to \$7,283   | \$874 to \$1,311  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8  | \$5,400 to \$8,098   | \$972 to \$1,458  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# How Do You Pay for AIM?

The total cost is 1.5% of your adjusted annual household income after applying income deductions. Don't worry, you don't have to pay this all at once. The AIM Program will break the cost into 12 monthly payments for you. You will need to send a \$50 cashier's check or money order with your completed application, which also goes towards your 1.5% cost.

Personal checks are not accepted for this payment.

Once you are accepted into the AIM Program, you will receive billing statements from the AIM Program. You are responsible for making your monthly payments even if you do not receive our monthly bill. Payments must be received by the 1st of each month. *Mail your payments to:* 

AIM Program P.O. Box 15207 Sacramento, CA 95851-0207

Or, you may choose to pay your 1.5% cost in one single payment with your application. A \$50 discount will be given if you send your full 1.5% cost with your application.



#### Meeting the AIM Guidelines and Figuring Your Total AIM Cost: A Sample

For example, if you and your husband are having your first baby, you would be counted as a family size of three. If you and your husband's monthly income after deductions is \$3,000, your cost would be \$540.00. This is based on first calculating to see if your monthly income (after deductions) qualifies and then

determining an annual income (multiplying your monthly adjusted household income by 12) and then calculating 1.5%.

The chart below shows the family's income, deductions, and total AIM cost.

| Gross Monthly<br>Household Income    | Determine the gross monthly household income. See page 11 for a listing of acceptable income to submit.   | \$3,180.00    |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Total Household<br>Income Deductions | Determine the Total Income Deductions (example: two working adults; \$90 work deduction for each adult, no other deductions). See page 12 for a listing of other acceptable income deductions to apply.                       | - \$180.00    |
| Adjusted Monthly<br>Household Income | Subtract the Total Income Deductions from the Gross Monthly Income. This is the Adjusted Monthly Household Income. Look up this amount in the <b>Cost of AIM</b> Coverage chart on page 14 to see if you may qualify for AIM. | = \$3,000.00  |
|                                      | Multiply the Adjusted Monthly Household Income by 12 months to determine the Adjusted Annual Household Income.  | x 12 months   |
| Adjusted Annual<br>Household Income  | This is the Adjusted Annual Household Income  | = \$36,000.00 |
|                                      | Multiply the Adjusted Annual Household Income by 1.5% to calculate the cost to participate in the AIM program   | x 1.5%        |
| Total Annual AIM<br>Contribution     | This is the Total Cost to participate in the AIM Program.   | = \$540.00    |

Remember, this cost covers you up to 60 days after your pregnancy has ended.

Please remember that it is very important that you do not fall behind on your payments. This could negatively affect your credit rating. If you do not pay your total cost on time, reminder notices will be sent to you. You will be reported to a credit reporting agency if you are more than 90 days late. This will impact your ability to receive credit in the future when buying a car or home, or when applying for a credit card. If accounts are paid in full later, the credit reporting agency's records will be updated.

It is against state regulations for any health care provider or any government entity to pay the cost for you. However, a federally recognized California Indian Tribal Government may make required subscriber contributions on behalf of a member of the tribe.

# You must pay for AIM even if you cancel your AIM coverage

It is your responsibility to pay your full 1.5% cost, even if you cancel AIM for yourself on or after the first day your coverage begins. This is also the case if you have complications with your pregnancy or a miscarriage on or after your first day of coverage or if you choose not to use the services offered to you by the program.

The 1.5% cost you pay is a small portion of the amount the State pays your health plan. In fact, the State pays the health plan in advance for your health care at the time you are enrolled into the AIM Program.

## How Do You Apply and When Does Your Coverage Begin?

#### Who can be an applicant?

An applicant can be a pregnant woman age 18 or older applying on her own behalf, or an applicant can be a spouse of a pregnant woman. An applicant can also be a legal guardian or natural parent, foster parent, or stepparent with whom a pregnant child resides; however, income of a parent or legal guardian is NOT calculated to determine eligibility. An emancipated minor, who is not living in the home of a natural parent or adoptive parent, a legal guardian, foster parent or stepparent may also be an applicant.

#### How do you apply?

You need to complete the application that is in this booklet and mail it to the AIM Program. The AIM Program will process your application within 10 days from the date we receive your <u>complete</u> application.

If your application is complete and you qualify, you will receive a letter telling you that you have been enrolled in the AIM Program. The letter will also inform you of the date your insurance begins. Your insurance begins 10 days after the date your application is approved.

If your application is incomplete or you do not qualify, you will receive a letter telling you what additional information is needed or why you did not qualify. Your

\$50 initial payment will be refunded to you within 4-6 weeks.

Once you are enrolled, you will receive an evidence of coverage booklet and an insurance card from your chosen health plan within 10 days. If you do not receive your insurance card within 10 days, please call your health plan directly.

If you are no longer pregnant on the first day that your health coverage starts, your insurance will not begin. Your money will be refunded. You must immediately write to the AIM Program (at the address below), to inform us of the date that you were no longer pregnant. If notification to the program is received after the effective date of coverage, documentation by a licensed or certified health care professional must be submitted indicating the date of the miscarriage. *Mail or FAX your letter to*:

AIM Program P.O. Box 15559 Sacramento, CA 95852-0559 FAX: (888) 889-9238

The number of women enrolling in AIM is limited by state funding. While adequate funding is generally available, once the program is full, you will not be enrolled even if you qualify and your application is complete. If this happens, you will be notified by mail, and your initial payment will be refunded.

### What about Services Received before Enrolling in AIM?

The AIM Program will reimburse you up to \$125 for previously paid pregnancy-related, medically necessary services including pregnancy testing and prenatal visits if the following occurs:

- You received services in the time period beginning
   40 calendar days before the AIM Program received your completed application and ending on the beginning date of coverage, and
- You submit your request for payment to the AIM Program within 90 calendar days of the date you received the services.

The following information must be provided:

- 1. An original bill or photocopy which includes the name and business address of the medical provider.
- 2. Your name, address, date of birth and Social Security Number (optional) on the request.
- 3. The date(s), amount **PAID**, and type of health care service you received. *Mail or FAX your request to:*

AIM Program P.O. Box 15559 Sacramento, CA 95852-0559 FAX: (888) 889-9238

Claims with dates of services on or after your AIM coverage began should be sent directly to your health plan.



#### SECTION 1

| PREGNANT        | ' WOMAN I   | NFORMATION:        | This section g | ives us basic | information a | bout the 1 | pregnant w   | voman. If | a question d | loes not apply | , write "N | √A". Su | bmitting a |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|------------|---------|------------|
| Social Security | Number is o | ptional. Answering | "YES" to the   | question(s) a | bout smoking  | will not a | iffect the e | nrollment | in any way.  |                |            |         |            |

| Last Name  | First Name, M.I.                      | Social Security Number                    | Birthdate             |                                   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
|  |                                       |   |                       |                                   |
| Street Address (P.O. Box not accepted                              | ed)                                   | '   | Unit/Apt. Numb        | Phone Number                      |
|  |                                       |   |                       |                                   |
| City   | Сог                                   | inty                                      | State                 | Zip Code                          |
|  |                                       |   |                       |                                   |
| First day of last menstrual period - (                             | required)                             | Do you smoke? YES/NO                      | Does anyone in y      | your household smoke? YES/NO      |
| PRINT BILLING AND MAILIN   | IG ADDRESS, IF DIFFERENT              | FROM ABOVE:                               |                       |                                   |
| Last Name  |                                       |   | First Name            |                                   |
| 0 111 202  |                                       |   |                       |                                   |
| Street Address or P.O. Box   |                                       |   |                       | Unit/Apt. Number                  |
| City   | Сог                                   | inty                                      | State                 | Zip Code                          |
|  |                                       |   |                       |                                   |
| P. (73.11. (0.1.10)  |                                       |   |                       |                                   |
| Race/Ethnicity: (Optional: Check v                                 |                                       |   |                       | _                                 |
| 1 White  | 5b Alaska Native                      | ☐ J Japanese                              | L                     | R Guamanian                       |
| 2 Hispanic   | 7 Filipino                            | ☐ K Korean                                | _                     | T Laotian                         |
| 3 Black/African American   | A Amerasian                           | M Samoan                                  |                       | V Vietnamese                      |
| 4 Asian  | C Chinese                             | N Asian Indian                            |                       | Z Other                           |
| 5a Native American Indian  | H Cambodian                           | P Hawaiian                                |                       |                                   |
| What language do you speak best?                                   |                                       | What language do you r                    | ead best?             |                                   |
|  |                                       |   |                       |                                   |
| SECTION 2  |                                       |   |                       |                                   |
| 1st CHOICE OF HEALTH PLAN  | N: (Applicant must fill out this sect | ion)                                      |                       |                                   |
| Instructions: Turn to page 22 in this health plan for your review. | application to see which AIM health   | n plans are available in your county. Beg | rinning on page 26 yo | u will find a description of each |
| 1st Choice of Health Plan:   |                                       |   |                       |                                   |
| Choice of Medical Group/Provider                                   | (if required):                        | Provider Code (if requir                  | ed):                  |                                   |
|  |                                       |   |                       |                                   |
| 2nd CHOICE OF HEALTH PLA   | N: (Applicant must fill out this sec  | ction)                                    |                       |                                   |
| 2nd Choice of Health Plan: (if 1s                                  | t choice is not available)            |   |                       |                                   |
| Choice of Medical Group/Provider                                   | (if magnined).                        | Drovider Cede (:c                         | ad).                  |                                   |
| Choice of Medical Group/Provider                                   | (ii requireu):                        | Provider Code (if requir                  | cu).                  |                                   |



#### **SECTION 3**

FAMILY SIZE, INCOME and INSURANCE INFORMATION: This section will give us information on the pregnant woman's household family size, income, and whether insurance is available for the pregnant woman or the unborn baby.

| Part A: Pregnant Woman's Information  |   |   |                |                   |                    |
|---|---|---|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Name  |   | Are you currently employed YES/NO                         | ?              |                   |                    |
| Employer's Name (if employed)   |   | Employer's Phone Number                                   |                | Ext.              |                    |
| Employer's Street Address   |   | City  |                | State             | Zip Code           |
| Source of income (job, social security, pension, etc.):   | How often is income receiv<br>(weekly, bi-weekly, twice a r |   | How much is    | ncome is received | ?                  |
| At the time of application, do you have health insurance? YES/NO  | •   | If you answer <u>yes</u> to any of following information: | the questions, | you are REQUIF    | RED to provide the |
|   | Name of insurance policy or                                 | r health plan:  |                |                   |                    |
| Does the insurance cover your pregnancy?<br>YES/NO  |   | Address:  |                |                   |                    |
| If applicable, what is the amount of your deductible or c specifically for maternity services?  | o-payment \$  | Policy Number:  |                |                   |                    |
| Part B: To be completed by the husband, or the father of together. Submitting the social security number is options.  Name of father of baby (if living with the pregnant wom.) | al.   | I the pregnant woman are livin                            | ng together Al | ND have had at le |                    |
|   | ,   |   |                | ,                 |                    |
| Married to the pregnant woman? YES/NO   |   | Are you currently employed YES/NO                         | ?              |                   |                    |
| Employer's Name (if employed)   |   | Employer's Phone Number                                   |                | Ext.              |                    |
| Employer's Street Address   |   | City  |                | State             | Zip Code           |
| Source of income (job, social security, pension, etc.):   | How often is income receiv<br>(weekly, bi-weekly, twice a r |   | How much is    | ncome is received | ?                  |
| At the time of application, do you have health insurance? YES/NO  |   | If you answer <u>yes</u> to any of following information: | the questions, | you are REQUIF    | RED to provide the |
|   | Name of insurance policy or health plan:                    |   |                |                   |                    |
| Does the insurance cover the pregnancy?<br>YES/NO   | Address:  |   |                |                   |                    |
| If applicable, what is the amount of your deductible or c specifically for maternity services?  | o-payment \$  | Policy Number:  |                |                   |                    |



Part C: See page 12 for more information about income deductions and the required documentation the pregnant woman is required to submit.

List all unmarried children/stepchildren under age 21 of married persons or of unmarried persons who have a child in common, living in the home or away at school who are claimed as tax dependents. Include disabled dependents who live in the home of the pregnant woman and the applicable monthly child day care expense or disabled dependent care expense paid by either the pregnant woman or the father of the baby (if living with the pregnant woman). If there are no expenses write N/A or zero. If more space is needed, write the information on a separate piece of paper and mail it with the application.

| Name of Child or Disabled Dependent   | Date of Birth | Relation | nship to the Pregnant Woman  | Monthly Amount Paid |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|----------|--|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
|   |               |          |  |                     |  |  |  |  |
|   |               |          |  |                     |  |  |  |  |
|   |               |          |  |                     |  |  |  |  |
|   |               |          |  |                     |  |  |  |  |
| Does the pregnant woman pay court-ordered monthly child support or spousal support?  YES/NO  Does the father of the baby, listed in part B, pay court-ordered monthly child support or spousal support?  YES/NO |               |          |  |                     |  |  |  |  |
| If yes, how much child support? How much spousal support? Documentation Required  | \$<br>\$      |          | If yes, how much child support? How much spousal support? Documentation Required | \$<br>\$            |  |  |  |  |
| see page 11 for more information about income deductions and the required documentation the pregnant woman is required to submit.   |               |          |  |                     |  |  |  |  |

| Wh | ere did you first learn about the AIM Program? (circle | one) |                   |     |                             |
|----|--|------|-------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Doctor's Office  | 6.   | Government Office | 11. | TV/Radio                    |
| 2. | Community Clinic                                       | 7.   | 1-800-BABY-999    | 12. | Health Fair/Community Event |
| 3. | Newspaper  | 8.   | Employer          | 13. | Insurance Agent             |
| 4. | Internet   | 9.   | School/Church     | 14. | Other (specify)             |
| 5. | Hospital   | 10.  | Friend/Relative   |     |                             |

#### **SECTION 4**

#### PREGNANT WOMAN'S DECLARATIONS

#### I declare that

- I have a reasonable good faith belief that I am not over 30 weeks pregnant as of the application date, and I have enclosed a document certifying that I am pregnant.
- · I am a resident of the State of California and have lived here for at least six continuous months prior to the date of signing this application for enrollment.
- I am not and will not be reimbursed by any health care provider or government entity for the payment of my subscriber contribution, with the exception of a California Indian Tribal Government, if applicable.
- I do not have health insurance to cover my pregnancy or have a deductible or co-payment specifically for maternity services of more than \$500 through my health insurance policy.
- I am not currently enrolled in no-cost Medi-Cal or Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B at the time of application.
- · I give the AIM Program permission to verify my family income, health insurance status, residency and other information presented in the application.
- I will abide by the rules of participation, the utilization review process and the dispute resolution process of any participating health plan in which I am enrolled.
- I have reviewed the benefits offered by the participating health plans.
- I understand and will follow the rules and regulations of the AIM Program.
- I agree to pay the required subscriber contribution even if I do not take full advantage of the coverage or services offered by AIM, and I acknowledge that the AIM Program will take action to collect the full subscriber contribution.



#### **SECTION 5**

#### AUTHORIZATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENROLLMENT

Required by the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act of 1/1/80, Section 56 et. seq. of the California Civil Code for all applicants of 18 years and over: I authorize any insurance company, physician, hospital, clinic or health care provider to provide the Access for Infants and Mothers Administrator any and all records pertaining to any medical history, services or treatment provided to the applicant and for the infant born of the applicant's pregnancy listed on this application for purpose of review, investigation or evaluation. This authorization becomes immediately effective and shall remain in effect as long as the Administrator requires. A photocopy of this Authorization is as valid as the original.

#### **Privacy Notification**

Mail Address:

P.O. Box 15559

Sacramento, CA 95852-0559

Please do not fax application

Access for Infants and Mothers Program

The Information Practices Act of 1977 and the Federal Privacy Act require this Program to provide the following to individuals who are asked by the Access for Infants and Mothers Program (established by Part 6.3 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code) to supply information: The principal purpose for requesting personal information is for subscriber identification and program administration. Program regulations require every individual to furnish appropriate information for application to the Access for Infants and Mothers Program. Failure to furnish this information may result in non-eligibility determination. The following information on the application is voluntary: social security numbers, race/ethnicity information, and source of referral.

An individual has a right to records containing his/her personal information that are maintained by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board. The official responsible for maintaining the information is: Deputy Director, Eligibility, Enrollment and Marketing Division, Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, P.O. Box 2769, Sacramento, CA 95812-2769. The Board may charge a small fee to cover the cost of duplicating this information.

I understand that this is a State program and my rights and obligations under it will be determined under Part 6.3 of Division 2 of the California Insurance Code and Title 10, Part 5.6 of the California Code of Regulations.

If you enroll in certain plans you agree to have certain claims (which may include medical malpractice claims) decided by neutral binding arbitration. Members give up their right to a jury or court trial. Page 20 has information about each plan and the arbitration requirements. You may call the plan you choose to find out more.

| correct to the best of my knowledge. I, the applicant, agree to pay the required sub<br>the full subscriber contributions as outlined in this contract.  | declarations. I also certify that the information I have given on this form is true and oscriber contribution and understand that the State will take appropriate actions to collect  |
|--|---|
| XSignature of Applicant  | Date  |
| Optional – Authorization to forward AIM application to Medi-Cal.   |   |
| If my application is ineligible for AIM, I request that this application be for penalty of perjury that the information on this form is true and correct to the  | warded to the county and treated as a Medi-Cal application. I declare under ne best of my knowledge and belief.   |
| Signature of Applicant (required)  | Date  |
| After you have:  |   |
| <ul> <li>✓ filled out the application</li> <li>✓ signed the application</li> <li>✓ collected all necessary income and pregnancy documentation         <ul> <li>pregnancy certification</li> <li>income verification documents</li> <li>proof of income deductions</li> <li>\$50 cashier's check or money order (signed)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul> <li>✓ made your \$50 cashier's check or money order (no personal checks or cash) payable to:</li> <li>✓ Access for Infants and Mothers Program</li> <li>✓ made photocopies of all documents being submitted for your records — if you choose to do so</li> </ul> |
| Mail your application and other materials to:  |   |

Note: Your completed application must be received by the AIM Program prior to the end of your 30th week of pregnancy in order to be considered for the AIM Program. If you are near your 30th week of pregnancy, you may send your application overnight via Fed-Ex, US Postal Service, etc.



Overnight Address:

625 Coolidge Drive

Folsom, CA 95630

Suite 100

Access for Infants and Mothers Program

#### Pregnancy Certification to be filled out by the applicant: Pregnant Woman's Last Name Pregnant Woman's First Name Pregnant Woman's Address Unit/Apt. Number City State Zip Code

#### AIM Pregnancy Certification Form

A certification of pregnancy, issued in the United States, must be mailed with your application. The form below can be used to certify pregnancy. You may use a different form as long as it contains the same information as this one and is signed by one of the individuals listed below.

To be eligible for AIM, the pregnant woman must not be more than 30 weeks pregnant as of the date the program receives the completed application. The certification of pregnancy must be signed by a licensed or certified health care professional. Individuals who can certify pregnancy for the AIM Program may include the following:

Physicians (MDs, DOs) Registered Nurses Licensed Vocational Nurses Physician Assistants Staff Person authorized by the Planned Parenthood Organization

Certified Nurse Midwives **Medical Assistants** 

Medical office staff cannot certify pregnancy unless the person has a medical license or certification.

| To be fined out by the person certifying pregnancy | To | be filled ou | t by the | person certifying pregnan | cy: |
|--|----|--------------|----------|---------------------------|-----|
|--|----|--------------|----------|---------------------------|-----|



| I certify that the person listed above is pregnant.   |            |  |                   |                   |        |  |
|---|------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--|
| Name of Facility                                      | Date       |  |                   |                   |        |  |
| Address of Facility                                   |            |  | Suite Number      | Suite Number      |        |  |
| City  |            | State                                  | Zip Code          | Zip Code          |        |  |
| Area Code & Telephone Number ( )                      | Fax Number |  | Estimated Date of | Delivery          |        |  |
| Print Health Care Professional's Last Name (required) |            | Print Health Care Professional's First | Name (required)   |                   | M.I.   |  |
| Signature of Health Care Professional (required)      |            | Medical Title (required)               |                   | Medical License N | lumber |  |





# What You Need to Know after You Are Enrolled

To continue to receive services, you must help us in the following ways:

# Registering Your Baby in Healthy Families

Approximately 30 days before your expected date of delivery, you will receive in the mail a Healthy Families Handbook and a form requesting the following information about your baby:

- 1. First, middle and last name.
- 2. Date of birth.
- 3. Gender (sex).
- 4. Weight at birth.
- 5. Primary care provider.
- Dental and Vision plan selection. (The Healthy Families handbook tells you which plans are available in your county.)

You must submit this information to Healthy Families along with your monthly premium payment. The form will explain the monthly premium amount you must send in.

Your baby's coverage will begin as of the day of their birth. He/she will be enrolled in the same plan in Healthy Families that you have through AIM. The baby will remain enrolled in the same plan you had in AIM, unless you have other children already enrolled in Healthy Families. If you have other children in Healthy Families, the baby will be transferred to the other children's plans on the third month after birth. Please call Healthy Families if your baby has special health care needs and you do not want the baby transferred to another plan.

Your baby will stay enrolled in Healthy Families if at the first Annual Eligibility Review you meet AIM program guidelines. To stay enrolled in Healthy Families, on the baby's second Annual Eligibility Review you must be within Healthy Families program guidelines.

Your baby's coverage will not begin until the Healthy Families Program receives the required information and premium payment.

### **Changing Your Address**

You must write to the AIM Program to inform them of any changes with your home phone or billing address or if you move out of state. This letter must be sent 30 days before you move. *Mail or FAX your letter to:* 

AIM Program P.O. Box 15559 Sacramento, CA 95852-0559 FAX: (888) 889-9238

#### If You Get Other Insurance

You must write to the AIM Program (at the address shown) if you get other insurance. This is very important to coordinate benefits or if you no longer need AIM services.

# Transferring to Another Health Plan within AIM

In most cases, when you sign up with a certain health plan, you will stay with the plan until your coverage ends. There are only three ways in which you may transfer or be transferred to another AIM health plan.

- 1. You may ask to transfer from one AIM health plan to another if you move to an area that your original health plan does not serve.
  - If approved, the transfer will take effect within seventeen (17) calendar days of the date the program receives your request.
- 2. You or your health plan may request a transfer because the two of you do not have a good relationship. These requests will only be approved if the transfer is in the best interest of the program. There must also be another AIM provider available where you live.

The transfer will take effect within fifteen (15) calendar days from approval of the transfer.

3. You may be transferred to another AIM health plan if the one that you are enrolled in is no longer participating with AIM. The transfer would take effect prior to the end of the contract.

All transfer requests must be approved by the AIM Program. The request must be in writing within thirty (30) days before you move because not all requests are approved. *Mail or FAX your letter to:* 

AIM Program P.O. Box 15559 Sacramento, CA 95852-0559 FAX: (888) 889-9238

# How You May Be Disenrolled

You will be disenrolled if:

- 1. You write to the AIM Program and ask that your coverage be cancelled.
- 2. You no longer live in California. You must write to the AIM Program to let them know of this move.
- 3. You commit fraud against the AIM Program. This would also include giving false information on your application.
- 4. You are no longer pregnant on your effective date of coverage. If notification to the program is received after the effective date of coverage, documentation by a licensed or certified health care professional must be submitted indicating the date of the miscarriage.

The AIM Program will inform you of the disenrollment and the reason. If you are disenrolled for reasons 1-3 above, your AIM coverage will end at the end of the calendar month in which the request was received or at the end of a future calendar month as requested. You are still responsible for paying all of your cost if you are disenrolled for reasons 1-3 above. Once you are disenrolled from the AIM Program, you cannot re-enroll for the same pregnancy.

### **Eligibility Appeals**

If you disagree with a decision that the AIM Program has made regarding your eligibility, disenrollment or transfer you may appeal to the Executive Director. Your appeal must be in writing and submitted to the address provided below within sixty (60) calendar days following your receipt of a denial letter. An appeal shall include all of the following:

- 1. A statement specifically describing the issues which are disputed.
- 2. A statement of the resolution requested.
- 3. Any other relevant information. This includes copies of the denial letter and all the documentation submitted with the AIM application (except for the payment).

Mail your appeal to:

Executive Director AIM Program P.O. Box 15559 Sacramento, CA 95852-0559



### **Disability Access**

#### **Physical Access**

Applying for AIM is done through the mail with follow up by phone. However, our office in Folsom, California is fully accessible to our disabled clients to pick up applications or drop off completed applications only.

#### Access for the Hearing-Impaired

The hearing-impaired may contact one of our AIM customer service representatives by calling our **TTY** number: 1-800-735-2929.

#### Access for the Vision-Impaired

This application will be made available in alternate formats for the vision-impaired. Large print formats are available. Our AIM customer service representatives are available by phone to explain all aspects of AIM eligibility and enrollment to the visually impaired.

#### Americans with Disabilities Act

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states that no qualified disabled person shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 prohibits the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board and its contractors from discriminating on the basis of disability, protects its applicants and enrollees with disabilities in program services, and requires the Board to make reasonable accommodations to applicants and enrollees.

### **Disability Access Grievances**

If you believe the AIM Program has failed to respond to your disability access needs, you may file a complaint or grievance with the ADA Coordinator at the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board at the following address:

ADA Coordinator Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board P.O. Box 2769 Sacramento, CA 95812-2769 (916) 324-4695 (Voice) 1-800-735-2929 (California Relay Service for the hearing-impaired)

# Note to employers, insurance agents, brokers and potential subscribers regarding employer-based health insurance and the AIM Program:

It is against the law for an employer to take away a pregnant woman's maternity insurance and offer her AIM health coverage instead. It is also illegal for an employer to charge an employee more money or make changes to the woman's maternity insurance, so that the woman enrolls into AIM.

California law states that it is an unfair labor practice for an employer to refer or arrange for an individual employee or their dependent to apply for the AIM Program for the purpose of separating that employee or their dependent from employer-based group health coverage. This provision is enforceable under Section 95 of the California Labor Code and will result in employer penalties.

California law further states that it is an unfair labor practice for any employer to change the employee-employer share-of-cost ratio or to make any other modification of maternity care coverage for employees or employees' dependents that results in the enrollment of the employees or employees' dependents in the AIM Program. This provision is enforceable under Section 95 of the California Labor Code and will result in employer penalties.

California law also states that it is unfair competition for an insurance agent or broker or administrator to refer or arrange an individual employee or their dependent to apply for the AIM Program for the purpose of separating that employee or their dependent from employer-based group health coverage. California state law states that an employee shall have a personal right of action to enforce this provision.

### Health Plan's Dispute Resolution Process

If a subscriber is dissatisfied with any action, or inaction, of the plan or provider organization in which they are enrolled, the subscriber should first attempt to resolve the dispute with the participating plan or provider organization according to its established policies and procedures.

To get additional information about each insurance plan's dispute resolution provisions, call the plan or refer to the plan's Disclosure Form and Evidence of Coverage booklet, which is available upon request from each health plan.

#### What is Binding Arbitration?

Binding Arbitration is an agreement between some insurance plans and subscribers to have health care disputes reviewed by a neutral person. After reviewing all the facts and hearing both sides, the neutral person makes a decision. Both parties agree to accept the decision.

# Which plans require their members to use Binding Arbitration to resolve disputes?

- Blue Cross EPO and HMO: Yes (includes medical malpractice)
- Contra Costa Health Plan: No
- Health Net: Yes (includes medical malpractice)
- Kaiser Permanente: Yes (includes medical malpractice)
- Molina Healthcare of California: Yes (excludes medical malpractice)
- Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2: No
- Ventura County Health Care Plan: Yes (includes medical malpractice)

# The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) Benefits Appeal Process

You should first attempt to resolve disputes with the plan according to its established policies and procedures. If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of your grievance you can appeal to the California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB).

The appeal must be submitted to MRMIB in writing within sixty (60) calendar days following the Plan's decision. The appeal must include the following:

- A copy of any decision being appealed or a written statement of the action or failure to act being appealed;
- A statement specifically describing the issue you are disputing;
- A statement of the resolution you are requesting;
   and
- Any other relevant information you would like to include.

Appeals that do not include the above information will be returned. You may resubmit the complete appeal within the sixty (60) calendar days from the plan's denial or within twenty (20) calendar days of the receipt of the returned appeal, whichever is later. *Mail or FAX your appeal to:* 

Executive Director Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board P.O. Box 2769 Sacramento, CA 95812-2769 PHONE: (916) 324-4695

FAX: (916) 327-9661



### **AIM Program Privacy Notification**

# THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

When you apply for the AIM Program, the information you provide in the application is reviewed by a private contractor. The private contractor is hired by the State of California to assist in the administration of the AIM Program. The contractor uses your information to determine whether you are eligible for AIM. The contractor and the State will use your information for administration and evaluation of the program and for necessary purposes authorized by law.

If you are determined eligible for AIM, the contractor will then send your information to the health insurance plan and provider that you select, so you can begin to receive health insurance coverage under that plan.

Once your baby is born, your health plan and provider may send to the State information regarding your baby and the health care you and your baby received. This information will include what is required under State law for your baby's birth certificate, such as your baby's name, sex, date of birth, weight, and your pregnancy history. In addition, the State will also receive summary information on treatment you and your baby received while being covered by AIM. This information includes the number of doctor visits you received before and after delivery, and the number of immunizations provided to your baby.

Uses and disclosures that are not part of the operations of the Program will only be made with your written authorization. This authorization may later be revoked at your written request.

# Your rights regarding how your personal information is used

You have the right to request the AIM Program to restrict the use of your personal information. The Program may not agree to restrictions if it would interfere with its normal operations and administration.

You also have the right to obtain a copy, or request to change the personal information you provided to the AIM Program as long as the Program retains such information. You have the right to obtain an explanation of how your personal information was disclosed, other than the use of your information by the AIM Program to carry out the operations of the Program.

AIM may revise the privacy practices described here. The Program will notify its subscribers in updated Program handbooks or through direct mailed notices prior to such revisions becoming effective. You may contact the AIM Program if you believe your privacy rights have been violated by contacting:

Privacy Officer AIM Program Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board P.O. Box 2769 Sacramento, CA 95812-2769 (916) 324-4695

New subscribers will receive a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices with their enrollment confirmation.



# AIM Health Plans Available in Each County

- 1. Find the county where you live and determine which plans are available in your county. In certain counties only Blue Cross EPO is available. Please refer to the description of Blue Cross EPO on page 26.
  - Remember, the health plan you choose is the plan you will stay in throughout your pregnancy.
- 2. Read descriptions of the Health Plans, beginning on page 26. The descriptions include phone numbers.
- 3. Visit our Web site at www.aim.ca.gov to review the available OB/GYN providers in your county or call the AIM Program at 1-800-433-2611 for more information on provider availability.

## AIM Health Plans Available in Each County

#### Alameda

Blue Cross HMO Health Net HMO

#### **Alpine**

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### **Amador**

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Butte

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Calaveras

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Colusa

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Contra Costa

Contra Costa Health Plan

Kaiser Permanente Northern California

#### **Del Norte**

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### El Dorado

**Blue Cross EPO** (coverage only for Zip codes not covered by other plans)

**Kaiser Permanente Northern California** (coverage for these Zip codes only: 95613-14, 95619, 95623, 95633-35, 95651, 95664, 95667, 95672, 95682, 95762)

#### Fresno

**Blue Cross HMO** 

Health Net HMO (coverage for these Zip codes only: 93210, 93234, 93242, 93602, 93605-09, 93611-13, 93616, 93619, 93621-22, 93624-28, 93630-31, 93634, 93640-42, 93646, 93648-52, 93654, 93656-57, 93660, 93662, 93664, 93667-68, 93675, 93701-12, 93714-18, 93720-22, 93724-29, 93740-41, 93744-45, 93747, 93750, 93755, 93760-62, 93764-65, 93771-80, 93784, 93786, 93790-94)

#### Glenn

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Humboldt

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### **Imperial**

**Blue Cross EPO** 

continued



## AIM Health Plans Available in Each County, continued

#### Inyo

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Kern

**Blue Cross EPO** (coverage only for Zip codes not covered by other plans)

**Blue Cross HMO** (coverage for all Zip codes **except for:** 93226, 93287, 93527-28, 93554 and 93556)

Health Net HMO (coverage for these Zip codes only: 93203, 93205-06, 93215-16, 93220, 93222, 93224-26, 93238, 93240-41, 93243, 93249-52, 93255, 93263, 93268, 93276, 93280, 93283, 93285, 93287, 93301-09, 93311-14, 93380-90, 93501-02, 93504-05, 93516, 93518-19, 93523-24, 93531, 93560-61, 93581, 93596)

#### Kings

Health Net HMO

#### Lake

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Lassen

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Los Angeles

**Blue Cross HMO** (coverage county-wide EXCEPT Catalina Island)

Health Net HMO

#### Madera

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Marin

**Blue Cross EPO** 

Kaiser Permanente Northern California

#### Mariposa

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Mendocino

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Merced

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Modoc

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Mono

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### **Monterey**

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Napa

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Kaiser Permanente Northern California

(coverage for these Zip codes only: 94503, 94508, 94515, 94558-59, 94562, 94567, 94573-74, 94576, 94581, 94599)

#### Nevada

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### **Orange**

**Blue Cross HMO** 

continued



### AIM Health Plans Available in Each County, continued

#### **Placer**

**Blue Cross EPO** (coverage only for Zip codes not covered by other plans)

**Health Net HMO** (coverage for these Zip codes only: 95602-04, 95631, 95648, 95650, 95658, 95661, 95663, 95677-78, 95681, 95701, 95703, 95713-14, 95717, 95722, 95736, 95746, 95747, 95765)

Kaiser Permanente Northern California

(coverage for these Zip codes only: 95602-04, 95648, 95650, 95658, 95661, 95663, 95677-78, 95681, 95703, 95722, 95736, 95746-47, 95765)

#### **Plumas**

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### Riverside

**Blue Cross EPO** (coverage only for Zip codes not covered by other plans)

Health Net HMO (coverage for these Zip codes only: 91752, 92201-03, 92210-11, 92220, 92223, 92230, 92234-36, 92240-41, 92247, 92253-55, 92258, 92260-64, 92270, 92276, 92282, 92292, 92320, 92501-09, 92513-19, 92521-22, 92530-32, 92536, 92543-46, 92548-49, 92551-57, 92561-64, 92567, 92570-72, 92581-87, 92589, 92590-93, 92595-96, 92639, 92860, 92877-83)

#### Kaiser Permanente Southern California

(coverage for these Zip codes only: 91752, 92220, 92223, 92320, 92501-09, 92513-19, 92521-22, 92530-32, 92543-46, 92548, 92551-57, 92562-64, 92567, 92570-72, 92581-87, 92595-96, 92599, 92860, 92877-83)

#### Sacramento

Blue Cross HMO

Health Net HMO

#### San Benito

**Blue Cross EPO** 

#### San Bernardino

**Blue Cross EPO** (coverage only for Zip codes not covered by other plans)

Health Net HMO (coverage for these Zip codes only: 91701, 91708-10, 91729-30, 91737, 91739, 91743, 91758, 91761-64, 91784-86, 91798, 92242, 92252, 92256, 92268, 92277-78, 92284-86, 92301, 92305, 92307-13, 92316, 92318, 92324, 92327, 92329, 92334-37, 92339-42, 92345-47, 92350, 92352, 92354, 92356-59, 92365, 92368-69, 92371-77, 92382, 92392-95, 92397-99, 92401-08, 92410-15, 92418, 92423-24, 92427, 93562)

#### Kaiser Permanente Southern California

(coverage for these Zip codes only: 91701, 91708-10, 91729-30, 91737, 91739, 91743, 91758, 91761-64, 91784-86, 91798, 92305, 92307-08, 92313-18, 92321-22, 92324-26, 92329, 92333-37, 92339-41, 92345-46, 92350, 92352, 92354, 92357-59, 92369, 92371-78, 92382, 92385-86, 92391-94, 92397, 92399, 92401-08, 92410-15, 92418, 92420, 92423-24, 92427)

#### San Diego

**Blue Cross HMO** 

Molina Healthcare of California

#### San Francisco

**Blue Cross HMO** 

Health Net HMO

#### San Joaquin

**Blue Cross HMO** 

Kaiser Permanente Northern California





### AIM Health Plans Available in Each County, continued

San Luis Obispo

**Blue Cross EPO** 

San Mateo

**Blue Cross EPO** 

Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara RHA/Prenatal Plus 2

Santa Clara

**Blue Cross HMO** 

Health Net HMO

Santa Cruz

**Blue Cross HMO** 

Health Net HMO

Shasta

**Blue Cross EPO** 

Sierra

**Blue Cross EPO** 

Siskiyou

**Blue Cross EPO** 

Solano

**Blue Cross EPO** 

Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Sonoma

Health Net HMO

Kaiser Permanente Northern California

(coverage for these Zip codes only: 94922-23, 94926-28, 94931, 94951-55, 94972, 94975, 94999, 95401-09, 95416, 95419, 95421, 95425, 95430-31, 95433, 95436, 95439, 95441-42,

95444, 95446, 95448, 95450, 95452, 95462, 95465, 95471-73, 95476, 95486-87, 95492)

**Stanislaus** 

**Blue Cross HMO** 

Health Net HMO

Sutter

**Blue Cross EPO** 

Tehama

**Blue Cross EPO** 

**Trinity** 

**Blue Cross EPO** 

Tulare

**Blue Cross HMO** 

Health Net HMO

Tuolumne

**Blue Cross EPO** 

Ventura

**Blue Cross HMO** (coverage for all Zip codes except for: 93022-93024)

Ventura County HCP

Yolo

**Blue Cross EPO** 

Health Net HMO

Yuba

**Blue Cross EPO** 

# AIM Health Plan Descriptions

# Blue Cross of California



# Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO)

Customer Service Number: 1-800-289-6574, TDD: 1-888-757-6034, English and Spanish. Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Who Can Join the Blue Cross EPO Plan

The Blue Cross EPO Plan is available to AIM-eligible pregnant women in the counties of: Alpine; Amador; Butte; Calaveras; Colusa; Del Norte; Glenn; Humboldt; Imperial; Inyo; Lake; Lassen; Madera; Marin; Mariposa; Mendocino; Merced; Modoc; Mono; Monterey; Napa; Nevada; Plumas; San Benito; San Luis Obispo; San Mateo; Shasta; Sierra; Siskiyou; Solano; Sutter; Tehama; Trinity; Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba.

The Blue Cross EPO Plan is available to AIM eligible pregnant women in the following counties only if the community they live in is not covered by another plan: El Dorado, Kern, Placer, Riverside and San Bernardino.

In some rural areas, there are only a limited number of EPO Plan providers. If you live in a rural area, please contact Blue Cross regarding the availability of providers.

#### Plan Highlights

As a member of the Blue Cross EPO Plan for AIM, you have your choice of Blue Cross Prudent Buyer PPO providers within your area. This includes physicians, hospitals and other health care professionals. The Blue Cross EPO Plan for AIM includes the following benefits:

- You can go to any doctor in our Blue Cross Prudent Buyer PPO Plan network.
- The Blue Cross EPO Plan network has a large selection of doctors to choose from near you.
- Our Prenatal Program, a voluntary wellness program, is designed to reduce risks to infants by educating expectant mothers and offers you free gifts for participation.
- MedCall® is a 24-hour free nurse health information line, staffed by registered nurses. Services include health education, health counseling and access to recorded information on more than 400 health topics including "Smoking and Pregnancy."
- We have a large selection of participating pharmacies from which you can choose. For your convenience, a mail order prescription drug program is also included.

#### **Plan Providers**

The Blue Cross EPO Plan for AIM offers an extensive, statewide network of physicians, hospitals and other health care professionals from which you can select for your care.

You must use a provider participating in the Blue Cross Prudent Buyer PPO Plan network or you will not be eligible for benefits, except in an emergency.

Once your AIM Program application has been approved, a Blue Cross Prudent Buyer Provider Directory will be sent to you so that you can choose providers near your home or work.

#### How the Plan Works

#### How to Enroll

Simply write "Blue Cross EPO Plan" on the "Choice of Health Plan" line on the AIM application. No choice of Medical Group/Provider or Provider Code is required.

#### **Once Accepted**

First, select an EPO Plan participating physician from your Blue Cross Prudent Buyer Provider Directory. You must choose a participating physician from this Directory.

Second, call and make an appointment with your provider as soon as you receive your Blue Cross I.D. card. Remember, when you are pregnant it is important to begin your health care right away!

If you need to consult a physician, your provider is available by phone, 24-hours a day.

Third, call us so we can verify at which hospital your baby will be delivered.

Also, it is very important to remember that no benefits are available for services performed by a provider not participating in the Blue Cross Prudent Buyer PPO Plan network, unless authorized and approved by Blue Cross, or in an emergency.

For more information about the Blue Cross EPO Plan for AIM, please call 1-800-289-6574. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Blue Cross EPO Plan for AIM.

The information presented on this page is only a summary. For exact terms and conditions you should refer to the Evidence of Coverage booklet for the Blue Cross EPO Plan for AIM.



# Blue Cross of California



# Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)

Customer Service Number: 1-800-289-6574, TDD: 1-888-757-6034, English and Spanish. Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Who Can Join the Blue Cross HMO Plan

The Blue Cross HMO Plan is available to AIM-eligible pregnant women who reside in the counties of: Alameda; Fresno; Kern; Los Angeles; Orange; Sacramento; San Diego; San Francisco; San Joaquin; Santa Clara; Santa Cruz; Stanislaus; Tulare and Ventura.

#### Plan Highlights

As a member of the Blue Cross HMO Plan for AIM, you have access to an extensive program of quality healthcare. The Blue Cross HMO Plan for AIM offers the following benefits:

- Voluntary wellness programs, such as nutritional services and smoking cessation programs.
- Our Prenatal Program, a voluntary wellness program, is designed to reduce risks to infants by educating expectant mothers and offers you free gifts for participation.
- MedCall® is a 24-hour free nurse health information line, staffed by registered nurses. Services include health education, health counseling and access to recorded information on more than 400 health topics including "Smoking and Pregnancy."
- We have a large selection of participating pharmacies from which you can choose. A mail order prescription drug program is also included for your convenience.
- You can choose your Primary Care Provider by calling Blue Cross Customer Service at 1-800-289-6574 when you enroll or once you are accepted into the Program.

#### Plan Providers

The Blue Cross HMO Plan for AIM offers an extensive network of physicians, hospitals and other health care professionals that you can choose for your care.

Once your AIM Program application has been approved, a Blue Cross Provider Directory for your area will be sent to you so that you can choose providers that are near your home or work.

#### How the Plan Works

#### How to Enroll

Simply write "Blue Cross HMO Plan" on the "Choice of Health Plan" line on the AIM application. If you already know which of our Primary Care Providers you would like to choose, write your choice under the "Choice of Medical Group/Provider" and the provider code in the "Provider

Code" box. You must select a location within 30 miles of your home. If you didn't select a Primary Care Provider, Blue Cross will assign you one, once accepted in the Program.

#### **Once Accepted**

First, if the assigned PCP is not the right one for you, please call Blue Cross Customer Service at 1-800-289-6574 to change to a new provider.

Second, call and make an appointment with your PCP as soon as you receive your Blue Cross I.D. card. Remember, when you are pregnant it is important to begin your health care right away!

Third, call us so we can verify at which hospital your baby will be delivered.

If you need to consult a physician, your PCP is available by phone, 24-hours a day.

As a member, you are covered in an emergency 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information about the Blue Cross HMO Plan for AIM, please call 1-800-289-6574. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Blue Cross HMO Plan for AIM.

The information presented on this page is only a summary. For exact terms and conditions you should refer to the Evidence of Coverage booklet for the Blue Cross HMO Plan for AIM.



# Contra Costa Health Plan



Marketing: 1-800-211-8040, Member Services: 1-877-661-6230 (Press 2 at main menu),

Administration: 925-313-6000.

# Who Can Join Contra Costa Health Plan (CCHP)

CCHP is available to AIM-eligible pregnant women who live in Contra Costa County.

#### Plan Highlights

Contra Costa Health Plan, founded in 1973, is sponsored by the County of Contra Costa, licensed by the California State Department of Managed Health Care, and is a federally qualified Health Maintenance Organization. Our over 60,000 members, therefore, can be assured CCHP must meet the highest standards of care.

Our members appreciate CCHP's:

- Local Health Centers with extended hours for primary and urgent care services
- Extensive network of community primary care and specialty care physicians
- 24-hour expert Advice Nurse service available 365 days a year
- Worldwide coverage for Emergency services
- Friendly, bilingual Member Services Representatives to help you 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday.

#### **Plan Providers**

CCHP offers a choice of two "provider networks": Our Health Center Network offers primary care and access to specialty care through eight Health Centers and at the newest hospital in the region, the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. You would simply select the Health Center most convenient for you, and select a primary doctor and OB/GYN who works at that Health Center. They will make sure you get all the preventive care, routine care, and referrals for specialty care that you need. Our other group of providers is the CCHP Community

Physician Network (CPN). If you select a Primary Care Physician from CPN, your OB/GYN must also be from this network. You will use whichever hospital your doctor uses—one of six hospitals in the area.

#### How to Enroll

Write "Contra Costa Health Plan" on the "Choice of Health Plan" line in Section 2 of your application. On the next line, please indicate your "Choice of Medical Group/Provider" as either "Health Center" or "Community Physician" Network.

#### **Once Accepted - Starting Care**

When you are enrolled, CCHP will mail you an Identification Card, Member Handbook, Provider Directory, and Combined Evidence of Coverage & Disclosure Form booklet.

We encourage all new members to call our Member Services Department right away. Our Representatives can help you select a Primary Care Physician, as well as answer any other questions you may have about how to access your plan services.

You can change your primary care doctor or OB/GYN, and even switch to the other provider network, by calling Member Services and choosing another doctor from whichever CCHP physician network you have selected.

#### **Important Information**

The information presented on this page is only a summary. For specific terms and conditions, please refer to the Evidence of Coverage (EOC) and Disclosure Form for Contra Costa Health Plan.



# Health Net



Toll free: 1-800-327-0502, TDD: 1-800-995-0852.

Para los que hablan Español: 1-888-231-9473, opción 8.

#### Who Can Join Health Net?

Health Net is available to AIM-eligible pregnant women who live in the counties of:

- Alameda
- Kings
- Los Angeles
- Sacramento
- San Francisco
- Santa Clara

Santa Cruz

- Sonoma
- Sonoma
- Stanislaus
- Tulare
- Yolo

And parts of the following counties:

- Fresno
- Riverside
- Placer
- San Bernardino
- Kern

#### Plan Highlights

As one of the largest health plans in California, we offer quality medical care that's not only cost-effective, but also personal and convenient. Our business is taking care of you. Health Net offers the following benefits:

- Prenatal education program and screening, as well as dedicated Perinatal Care Manager nurses
- Emphasis on complete health care through a variety of unique wellness programs, screenings, classes and materials
- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, multilingual Customer Service
- 24 hours nurse advice line
- Awarded the highest quality accreditation status of "excellent" by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for our HMO commercial product

#### **Plan Providers**

Health Net offers one of the largest provider networks in California. Statewide, our provider network offers community-based physicians, hospitals and pharmacies. Seminars offered at many physician groups focus on preventive care and offer members the opportunity to enhance and improve health and health awareness. For a list of Health Net physicians participating in the AIM Program, please call Health Net at 1-800-327-0502 or visit the AIM website at www.aim.ca.gov to view or print a listing of Health Net's providers who participate in the AIM Program.

#### How to Enroll

Once you have made the decision to choose Health Net, you will need to complete your AIM enrollment application. Write "Health Net" in the box marked "Choice of Health Plan." If you know which Primary Care Provider (PCP) or medical group you would like to select, then write your selection in the "choice of Medical Group/Provider" box on the AIM application. If you do not select a PCP, Health Net will assign you one. If you need assistance with selection of a PCP, please call Health Net at 1-800-327-0502.

#### Once Accepted – Starting Care

Once you are enrolled, you will receive a Health Net member ID card and a packet of new member materials. We will call you to welcome you to the plan, answer any questions you may have, and help you start using your benefits immediately.

An OB/GYN or nurse midwife (if you prefer) will provide all of your prenatal care. Once you are enrolled with Health Net, you will choose a Primary Care Physician to coordinate any medical care you require that is not related to your pregnancy. You can call your Primary Care Physician for all your health care needs, wherever you are, 24 hours a day. You also have access to Health Net's 24-hour Member Services Department and 24-hour nurse advice line.

Emergency care is a covered benefit. In an emergency, call your Primary Care Physician if possible. He or she can help decide the best way to get treatment and can arrange for prompt emergency room care. If you have an emergency and it is not possible to contact your Primary Care Physician, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

#### **Important Information**

If you have specific questions regarding providers or Health Net, call Health Net at 1-800-327-0502. The information presented on this page is only a summary. For specific terms and conditions, please refer to Health Net's Evidence of Coverage booklet.

# Kaiser Permanente Northern California



Customer Service Call Center: 1-800-464-4000

# Who Can Join Kaiser Permanente Northern **California**

Kaiser Permanente Northern California is available to AIM-eligible pregnant women who live in these counties:

- Contra Costa
- San Mateo
- Marin
- Solano
- San Joaquin

And parts of the following counties:

- El Dorado
- Placer
- Napa
- Sonoma

## Plan Highlights

Congratulations! We wish you the very best during this special time. Thank you for considering Kaiser Permanente as your AIM provider.

To promote a healthy pregnancy for you and a healthy start for your baby, Kaiser Permanente physicians and members of your medical team work together to give you:

### Easy-to-use benefits:

- No referrals needed for OB/Gyn doctor visits
- Virtually no paperwork (except for emergency services received at non-Plan facilities)
- Health Plan Customer Services Representatives are available by phone and at our facilities to answer your benefit and service questions.

### Plan Providers

As Kaiser Permanente members, the quality medical care you receive will be provided or arranged by Kaiser Permanente physicians at Kaiser Permanente facilities. Representing virtually all major medical and surgical specialties, our doctors and medical team work together to care for one special group of people – our members. Having a doctor who cares for you as an individual and whom you can trust is very important, especially during this special time. We encourage you to choose personal physicians who best meet your needs. Your delivery and other hospital services will be provided at Kaiser Foundation Hospitals or at other hospitals contracting with Kaiser Permanente.

#### How to Enroll

Write "Kaiser Permanente North" on the "Choice of Health Plan" line on the AIM Application.

### **Getting Started**

Once you are enrolled, a Health Plan ID card and information on your new AIM coverage will be mailed to you. Please call the Appointment Center to select an OB/GYN and schedule your first appointment. We also encourage you to select a personal care physician. Please carry the ID card with you at all times and use it to make appointments. It will be all you need to receive AIM benefits and services.

### Access to Care

Upon your effective date of enrollment, you have immediate access to Kaiser Permanente Northern California Area's benefits and services. At that time, we encourage you to schedule a prenatal appointment and select a personal physician. To schedule an appointment, or to request a Medical Facility Directory, just call your selected Medical Facility.

## Important Information

The information presented on these pages is only a summary. For exact terms and conditions, refer to the Evidence of Coverage booklet for the Kaiser Permanente Northern California Plan.

# Health Care Coverage for the Years to

After your AIM coverage ends (60 days after the end of your pregnancy), you may want to consider joining Kaiser Permanente's Steps Plan. As a Steps Plan member, you can continue to receive care at Kaiser Permanente for up to two additional years. We'd like to take care of you and your family for many years to come!



# Kaiser Permanente Southern California



Customer Service Call Center: 1-800-464-4000

# Who Can Join Kaiser Permanente Southern California

Kaiser Permanente Southern California is available to AIMeligible pregnant women who live in parts of these counties:

- Riverside
- San Bernardino

### Plan Highlights

Congratulations! We wish you the very best during this special time. Thank you for considering Kaiser Permanente as your AIM provider.

To promote a healthy pregnancy for you and a healthy start for your baby, Kaiser Permanente physicians and members of your medical team work together to give you:

Easy-to-use benefits:

- No referrals needed for OB/Gyn doctor visits
- Virtually no paperwork (except for emergency services received at non-Plan facilities)
- Health Plan Customer Services Representatives are available by phone and at our facilities to answer your benefit and service questions.

#### **Plan Providers**

As Kaiser Permanente members, the quality medical care you receive will be provided or arranged by Kaiser Permanente physicians at Kaiser Permanente facilities. Representing virtually all major medical and surgical specialties, our doctors and medical team work together to care for one special group of people – our members. Having a doctor who cares for you as an individual and whom you can trust is very important, especially during this special time. We encourage you to choose personal physicians who best meet your needs. Your delivery and other hospitals services will be provided at Kaiser Foundation Hospitals or at other hospitals contracting with Kaiser Permanente.

#### How to Enroll

Write "Kaiser Permanente South" on the "Choice of Health Plan" line on the AIM Application.

### **Getting Started**

Once you are enrolled, a Health Plan ID card and information on your new AIM coverage will be mailed to you. Please call the Appointment Center to select an OB/GYN and schedule your first appointment. We also encourage you to select a personal care physician. Please carry the ID card with you at all times and use it to make appointments. It will be all you need to receive AIM benefits and services.

### **Access to Care**

Upon your effective date of enrollment, you have immediate access to Kaiser Permanente Southern California Area's benefits and services. At that time, we encourage you to schedule a prenatal appointment and select a personal physician. To schedule an appointment, or to request a Medical Facility Directory, just call your selected Medical Facility.

### **Important Information**

The information presented on these pages is only a summary. For exact terms and conditions, refer to the Evidence of Coverage booklet for the Kaiser Permanente Southern California Plan.

# Molina Healthcare of California



Member Services: 1-800-986-4649

TTY: 1-800-479-3310

### Who Can Join Molina Healthcare?

Molina Healthcare is available to AIM eligible pregnant woman who live in San Diego County.

## Plan Highlights

Molina Healthcare has provided quality care to California families for more than 20 years. So we know how to design our services to meet your family's needs.

#### At Molina Healthcare, you will get:

- 24-Hour Nurse Advice Line.
- Access to our prenatal program designed to keep you and your baby healthy.
- Large Pharmacy Network You can go to a drugstore right in your neighborhood including Sav-on, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Longs, and more.
- NCQA Commendable accreditation

### **Plan Providers**

With nearly 1,100 doctors and specialists you can get a doctor right in your neighborhood. Molina Healthcare has designated general and family practitioners, internists and gynecologists/obstetricians as primary care providers.

#### How to Enroll

Once you have decided to enroll in Molina Healthcare, your next step is to complete your AIM enrollment application. Write "Molina" in the box marked "Choice of Health Plan." Next, select your Molina Healthcare provider by writing your choice in the "Choice of Provider" section and the provider code in the "Provider Code" box. If you are undecided as to who your doctor should be please call our Member Services department and they will help you choose the right doctor for you.

## Once Accepted - Starting Care

Once you are enrolled with Molina Healthcare, you will be sent your new ID card along with a Welcome packet explaining your coverage with us. You will need to carry your ID Card with you at all times and present it when you visit your doctor's office and to get prescriptions.

### Access to Care

- You can see an OB/GYN or your Primary Care Physician (PCP), if he or she ia an OB/GYN, for your prenatal care. For all other specialty care you must visit your PCP first to get a referral.
- For family planning or prenatal care services you can self refer to a doctor within your PCP's network.
- Emergency care is a covered benefit. If you are not sure that you need emergency care, call your PCP or call our Nurse Advice Line. Our Nurse Advice Line is staffed with Registered Nurses that are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

## **Important Information**

The information presented is only a summary of the services provided by Molina Healthcare. For specific terms and conditions call our Member Services Department, or refer to our Member Handbook (Evidence of Coverage). Once you deliver your baby call us as soon as possible at 1-800-986-4649 to ensure that your baby's care continues coverage with Molina Healthcare.



# Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2



The AIM Program of the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority Customer Service Call Center: Toll free 1-877-814-1861

### Who can join Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2

If you live in Santa Barbara County, and are an AIM-eligible pregnant woman, you can become a member of Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2, a health plan serving all communities in Santa Barbara County.

### Plan Highlights

#### Confidence

Women enrolled in Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2 will benefit from an established network of health professionals, including doctors, hospitals and pharmacies within Santa Barbara County. We are a local organization, with our headquarters in Goleta. Created in 1983, we arrange and pay for health care services in Santa Barbara County. You can trust our dedicated staff.

### **Special Benefits**

As a member of Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2, you will receive these special benefits free of charge:

- A visit by a licensed nurse—after you return home—to see how you are doing and answer any questions you may have.
- Nutrition counseling, because good health during your pregnancy will make it more likely that you will have a healthy baby.
- A lactation specialist, if needed, who can help you learn how to avoid breast feeding problems if you choose to breast feed your baby.
- Free smoking cessation classes or use of acupuncture for smoking cessation.

#### **Plan Providers**

Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2 offers a comprehensive provider network in Santa Barbara County including Obstetricians/Gynecologists (OB/GYN), hospitals, pharmacies, and a full range of specialty providers to support your health care needs.

#### How To Enroll

Simply write: "Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2" on the "Choice of Health Plan" line on the AIM application.

### Once Accepted-Starting Care

#### Your Heath Plan Card

Once enrolled, and after you have selected an OB/GYN, you will receive an identification card from Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2. Present your card whenever you go to your doctor.

# Your OB/GYN as your Primary Care Provider

You can choose an OB/GYN for your prenatal care and coordination of all of your other health care needs.

### In Case of Emergency

24-hour emergency care is available without prior authorization at all hospital emergency rooms in Santa Barbara County or by dialing "911." However, it is very important to first contact your primary care provider if possible to ensure he/she can provide guidance and advice.

### If You Need Assistance

Just pick up your phone, call toll free 1-877-814-1861 and choose Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2. You will speak with a representative who will:

- Explain Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2 benefits to you.
- Help you select an OB/GYN from our list of participating providers for your pregnancy.

### **Important Information**

The information presented here is only a brief summary. For exact terms and conditions, please refer to the Evidence of Coverage booklet for Santa Barbara Prenatal Plus 2.

# Ventura County Health Care Plan



Member Service: 1-800-600-8247. Se habla Español.

# Who Can Join Ventura County Health Care Plan?

Ventura County Health Care Plan is available to AIM eligible pregnant women who reside in Ventura County.

### Plan Highlights

As a Ventura County Health Care Plan AIM enrollee, you are selecting a comprehensive program that offers the benefits you need for a healthy pregnancy:

- Case management of your high-risk pregnancy by a registered nurse.
- Wellness programs such as dietary counseling and smoking cessation.
- HealthSmart newsletter with informational articles about diet, exercise, safety and illness prevention.
- Convenient mail order option for filling maintenance prescriptions. No co-pay for prenatal prescriptions.
- Plan administration offices located in Ventura County with courteous member service representatives ready to help you, bilingual in Spanish and English.
- Extensive network of Board Certified Primary Care and Specialty Care Physicians, including High Risk OB Providers.
- Access to Urgent Care and Emergency Care facilities, locally and nationwide.

#### **Plan Providers**

Ventura County Health Care Plan's Primary Care Physician offices that provide prenatal care are conveniently located in Oxnard, Ventura, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Santa Paula, Moorpark, Camarillo, Ojai, Fillmore and Piru. Included are the Ventura County Medical Center ambulatory care clinics, all locations of Clinicas Del Camino Real, Inc. and several private physician practices.

Our primary hospitals are Ventura County Medical Center; St. John's Regional Medical Center, Oxnard; St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital, and Simi Valley Hospital. For a complete AIM Provider Directory, including obstetricians, please contact our Member Service Department at the above number.

#### How to Enroll

If you want to receive AIM services from Ventura County Health Care Plan, all you need to do is write "Ventura County Health Care Plan" on the "Choice of Health Plan" line on the AIM application. Next, select your Ventura County Health Care Plan provider from the AIM website at www.aim.ca.gov and write your choice under "Choice of Provider" and the provider code in the "Provider Code" box. You can also call our Member Services Department at the number above. Please select a provider located in your city of residence or within 15 miles of your home.

## Once Accepted - Starting Care

Once you are enrolled and have selected an OB/GYN for your prenatal care, a VCHCP identification card and information about your new AIM coverage will be mailed to you. In addition, you will choose a Primary Care Physician (PCP) to coordinate all other necessary medical care. Upon your effective date of enrollment, you have access to AIM benefits and services. At that time we encourage you to immediately schedule your first prenatal appointment under the Plan.

Your PCP is available by phone, 24 hours-a-day, for all your health care needs. You may access any Urgent Care Facility for same day illness or minor injuries if you are unable to access your PCP. In an emergency call your PCP, if possible, to ensure the best course of treatment. If you reasonably believe that an emergency medical condition exists, go to the nearest Emergency Room, or call 911.

### **Important Information**

For more information and assistance in selecting VCHCP, please call our Member Service Department at the number above. We look forward to serving you.

The information presented on this page is only a summary. For specific terms and conditions, please refer to the Evidence of Coverage booklet for the Ventura County Health Care Plan AIM Program.

Ventura County Health Care Plan is a not-for-profit State licensed HMO owned and operated by the County of Ventura.

# Frequently Asked Questions

# 1. What do I do if my income is less than the AIM guidelines?

If your income is less than the AIM guidelines you may be eligible for no-cost Medi-Cal. Look in your local telephone White Pages for the Department of Social Services office near you to receive more information about Medi-Cal.

#### 2. Can I send in a personal check with my application?

No, personal checks are not accepted with the application. You must submit either a money order or cashier's check made payable to the AIM program.

#### 3. Can I fax my application?

No, your original signature on the application and a money order or cashier's check are required along with copies of your income documentation and pregnancy certification.

#### 4. Can I send copies of the application?

You can use a copy of the application as long as the copy you send has your original signature. Send copies of your income documents and pregnancy certification instead of originals.

# 5. Can I apply in person? If not, where do I mail my AIM application?

No, you can not apply in person. All applications are processed via mail. Applications can be sent in via regular or priority mail to: California Access for Infants and Mothers Program, P.O. Box 15559, Sacramento, CA 95852-0559. Applications can be sent via overnight mail to: California Access for Infants and Mothers Program, 625 Coolidge Drive, Suite 100, Folsom, CA 95630.

# 6. Do I count my husband and his income if he works away from home in another city, state, or country several months of the year?

Yes, if he is claiming that he lives in the home with you, the pregnant woman.

#### 7. Do I count the father of the baby and his income?

No, except if you already have a child in common.

#### 8. How soon will I know when I'm enrolled?

Normal processing time for a complete application is 10 days. You will receive a letter from the AIM Program once enrolled. If the application is incomplete, you will receive a letter requesting the additional information needed and the processing time will be longer. You will receive an evidence of coverage booklet and an insurance card from the health plan you selected once enrolled in AIM. The effective date of coverage is 10 days after enrollment.

### Can I send copies of my income documentation? Yes, do not send originals.

#### 10. When is the soonest I can see a doctor through AIM?

As of the effective date of coverage. However, keep in mind that you must call the doctor to make an appointment.

# 11. What are the benefits of having AIM as opposed to pregnancy-related restrictive Medi-Cal only?

AIM offers comprehensive benefits, including pregnancy and non-pregnancy related service. For more information, you can request a copy of the evidence of coverage from the Health Plan of your choice.

# 12. Do I still have a co-payment when I go to the doctor? No, AIM does not have co-payments or deductibles.

# 13. Will AIM pay for birth control after my baby is born? Refer to your Health Plan's benefits chart and evidence of coverage.

# 14. Can I see a doctor in a county neighboring the one in which I live?

Yes, you should contact your Health Plan to see if they will allow you to see a specific provider.

# 15. Will I receive my money order back if I'm denied coverage, or will I receive a refund check from AIM?

A refund check from the AIM Program will be mailed to you.

# 16. Will AIM cover high risk pregnancies?

Yes.

#### 17.Can I continue to see my current doctor?

Please call your Health Plan to find out if the doctor is an AIM participating provider.

#### 18. Are vision and dental covered with AIM?

Refer to your health plan's benefits chart.

# 19. If I have to pay 20% of my hospital bill, is that considered more than a \$500 deductible?

It depends on the cost of the delivery.

# 20. Can I change doctors if it doesn't work out with my new AIM doctor?

Any requests to transfer doctors must be made through the Health Plan.

# 21. Is the work deduction taken if I'm not working now, but I worked last year and am using that income to qualify me for the program?

A work deduction is used for the period in which income documentation is received.

# 22. Do I list my children if they live with me only half of the time?

Yes, if they are claimed as dependents on your federal or state tax return.

# 23. Do my husband and I have to use income from the same year?

No. Either spouse can use previous year's income or current income.

#### 24. What is gross income after deductions?

The first step in determining eligibility is to look at gross income (before taxes). The Program then subtracts any applicable deduction (see page 12 for a list of allowable deductions). These deductions are mandatory.

# 25. Who selects my provider and the hospital at which I will deliver my baby?

The pregnant woman can select her provider through the health plan. Depending on the health plan contract, the provider will inform you of the hospital where you will deliver your baby.

#### 26. How is self-employed income calculated?

The AIM Program uses net profit income to determine eligibility (gross income minus business expenses). There are two options to show income for self-employed individuals. They may submit last year's Federal Income Tax Form 1040 with the Schedule C. Or they may submit the most recent 3 month Profit and Loss Statement. Any deductions for meals/entertainment and/or depreciation are added back into net profit income. Any losses (negative dollar amounts) are counted as zero (\$0).

# 27. How do I obtain a non-obstetrical specialist while in the AIM Program?

Call your health plan's customer or member services. If you are in an EPO, you can do a self referral. If you are in an HMO, you need to obtain a referral from your primary care provider.

# 28. How can I find out if my obstetrician and delivering hospital are part of the AIM Program?

Call your health plan's customer or member services, or refer to your health plan's provider directory.

# 29. Can I transfer to a different health plan if my doctor or delivering hospital is no longer recognized as an AIM provider by my original health plan?

No. If your obstetrician or delivering hospital is no longer contracting with your current health plan call your plan's customer or member services for assistance. The plan will either assist you in choosing a new provider or hospital, or allow you to continue seeing your current obstetrician and delivery hospital to provide continuity of care.

# 30. Can I obtain brand name drugs when a generic substitution is available for my prescriptions?

Only if the provider indicates that the brand name drug cannot be substituted with a generic drug.

# 31. Will the AIM Program cover treatment for delivery complications beyond 60 days following delivery of my infant?

No. Pregnancy related treatment is covered for a maximum of 60 days following delivery of your baby.

# 32. How do I obtain urgent or emergency care during non-business hours?

Call your Primary Care Provider or your Medical Group. The answering service will connect you with the advice nurse or the doctor on call to give you further directions.

# 33. How does private insurance coverage affect my AIM Program coverage?

Having private insurance should not affect your coverage as long as you have a deductible specifically for maternity services of more than \$500. You must use the AIM health plan network providers in order for the AIM health plan to cover services.

# 34. What if I have a miscarriage after my AIM coverage starts?

If you have a miscarriage on or after your coverage starts, you're still responsible for paying the 1.5% contribution amount. However, you'll be covered for 60 days after the pregnancy ends. If you are no longer pregnant on your effective date of coverage and notification to the program is received after the effective date of coverage, documentation by a licensed or certified healthcare professional must be submitted indicating the date of the miscarriage.

# Glossary of Terms

### Appeal

Asking for reconsideration of an AIM program decision or a health plan decision.

### **Applicant**

A pregnant woman 18 years of age or older who is applying on her own behalf, or a legal guardian or a natural parent, foster parent, or stepparent with whom the child resides, who applies for coverage under the program on behalf of a child. "Applicant" also means a pregnant woman who is applying for coverage on her own behalf who is under 18 years of age, or who is an emancipated minor, or who is a minor not living in the home of a natural or adoptive parent, a legal guardian, foster parent or stepparent.

### **Application Date**

The date an application is sent to the AIM Program as shown by the U.S. postmark date on the application envelope, or documentation from other delivery services.

#### **Benefits**

The health services the pregnant woman and infant receive under the AIM Program.

#### **Binding Arbitration**

An agreement between some insurance plans and subscribers to have health care disputes reviewed by an impartial, neutral person. After reviewing all facts and hearing both sides, the neutral person makes a decision. Both parties agree to accept the decision.

#### Coverage

The payment for benefits provided through the program.

#### Disenrollment

The end of enrollment in the AIM Program.

### Effective Date of Coverage

The date that health care coverage starts.

### Eligible

A pregnant woman who meets all the requirements to qualify for coverage in the AIM Program.

#### **Enroll**

To accept an applicant as a subscriber by notifying a participating health plan to begin coverage.

#### **Exclusion**

A service or medical condition not covered by an insurance plan under the AIM Program.

### **Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO)**

A health plan whose members must seek care from a list of contracting providers. An EPO does not require you to choose a Primary Care Physician. Members also may self-refer to a specialist in the EPO contract network.

### Family Member

The following persons living in the pregnant woman's home:

- a) The unborn child of the pregnant woman.
- b) Children under age 21 of married or unmarried parents living in the home.
- c) The married or unmarried parents of the child or sibling children.
- d) The stepparents of the sibling children.
- e) The separate children of either an unmarried parent or a married parent or stepparent.
- f) Children under the age of 21 of married or unmarried parents who are away at school and who are claimed as a dependent on your federal or state income tax return.

### Federal Income Guidelines (FIG)

Federal Income Guidelines are the amount of money the federal government says that a family needs to meet basic needs. The guideline changes every year on April 1st. If your income appears over the guideline allowed maximum, check to see if the guideline chart has been updated for the year.

### Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)

An organized system that provides a set of health care services to plan subscribers in a geographic area.

### **Healthy Families Program**

Low-cost medical, dental and vision coverage for California children and teens that do not have access to insurance and do not qualify for no-cost Medi-Cal coverage.

#### Household Income

The total income before taxes of all family members in a household.

#### Infant

A subscriber's child born to a subscriber while enrolled in the program.

#### Living in the Home

Using the home as the primary place of residence.

#### Resident

A person who is present in California with intent to remain present except when absent for transitory or temporary purposes.

#### No-Cost Medi-Cal

The State Medi-Cal program that pays for all services without requiring any payments or co-payments by the subscriber.

### Out-of-Network

A service provided by a doctor, dentist, or other provider who does not have a contract with your insurance plan.

### **Pre-Existing Condition**

Any condition that was diagnosed before enrollment in the AIM program where medical advice, diagnosis, care, or treatment, including use of prescription drugs, was recommended or received from a licensed health practitioner during that period.

### Primary Care Physician

The doctor, selected by the pregnant woman who will be in charge of her health care and who will refer her to specialists as needed.

### Share of Cost Medi-Cal

A State Medi-Cal program that requires a subscriber to pay a certain amount of the medical expenses every month before it covers benefits. Share of Cost is based on monthly income.

#### Subscriber

A pregnant woman who is eligible for and enrolled in the AIM Program.

#### **Subscriber Contribution**

The amount paid by the pregnant woman for health care services provided in the AIM Program.



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# California's Energy Challenge

California is facing an energy challenge. To reduce the risk of power outages, everyone can help by reducing the demand for electricity by using less energy.

California has the power of the world's sixth largest economy. Your efforts, times 35 million Californians, will make a real difference.

All you have to do is FLEX YOUR POWER.

Simple things you can do right now to cut your energy costs are:

- · Keep energy use low during peak demand hours from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Turn off unneeded lights and appliances. Unplug that spare refrigerator out in the garage if you don't really need it.
- · Avoid using dishwashers, clothes washers, dryers and ovens during the peak demand periods. Wash full loads of clothes/or dishes. Use the cold setting on your washer if you can.
- In cool weather, turn thermostats down to 68° degrees or below. Set it at 55° degrees before going to sleep or when away for the day. For every 1 degree reduction you will save up to 5% of your heating costs. Close your shades and blinds at night to keep heat from being lost through windows.
- In warm weather set your air conditioner to 78° degrees or higher. When away from home set the thermostat to 85° degrees. These tips can save you up to 20% of your air conditioning costs.
- · Buy Energy Star appliances, products and lights.
- For more information on saving energy and money go to www.my.ca.gov on the web and click the California's Energy Challenge site next to the FLEX YOUR POWER logo.



# Application Checklist

- Complete and signed application
- Pregnancy verification
- Income documentation for adult family members as described on page 11 and income deduction documents as described on page 12.
- Signed cashier's check or money order for \$50.00 (or the entire subscriber contribution and receive a \$50.00 discount) made payable to the State of California Access for Infants and Mothers Program. Personal checks will not be accepted with the application.

Send all of the above items to the AIM Program at the address below. If any of the above items are incomplete or not enclosed, your application will not be processed.

Please keep photocopies of all documents you submit.



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